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SUBJECT: BACKGROUND ON FOREIGN MINISTER'S COMMENTS ON EMBASSY
HANDLING OF US NOTE OF CONCERN AND ON CHICAGO INCIDENTS

REFS: (A) BRASILIA 4826 (B) BRASILIA 4378 (C) BRASILIA 4742

1. YOU WILL HAVE NOTED IN REFTEL A THAT FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA,
IN VERSION OF JUNE 11 PRESS CONFERENCE REPORTED BY RIO'S O GLOBO,
EXPRESSED HIMSELF TO BE "SHOCKED" THAT EMBASSY HAD RELEASED
FROM THE US NOTE REGARDING US CITIZEN
MISSIONARIES CAPUANO AND ROSEBAUGH ONLY THE PART DEALING WITH THE
CONCERN OF THE US GOVERNMENT WITH THE CASE, WHILE DISREGARDING
FIRST PART OF NOTE WHICH EXPRESSED THANKS TO THE BRAZILIAN
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GOVERNMENT FOR THE MEASURES THAT HAD ALREADY BEEN TAKEN IN THE
CASE. IN FACT, THE EMBASSY HAS NOT RELEASED THE TEXT OF THE NOTE
OR ANY PART OF IT AND HAS NO INTENTION TO MAKE SUCH A RELEASE.
WE ASSUME SILVEIRA'S REFERENCE IS TO THE LANGUAGE USED BY THE
EMBASSY PRESS SPOKESMAN (BRASILIA 4378) TO CHARACTERIZE THE TONE AND
SUBSTANCE OF THE NOTE: "AN EXPRESSION OF THE DEEP CONCERN OF THE USE
IN THE CASE AND THE HOPE THAT THE INVESTIGATIONS ALREADY UNDER-

WAY WILL LEAD TO A SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION."

2. SILVEIRA'S REFERENCE TO INCIDENT INVOLVING PUERTO RICANS IN CHICAGO IS HIS SECOND SUCH REFERENCE. (HE FIRST MENTIONED IT AT JUNE 8 PRESS CONFERENCE IN BRASILIA SHORTLY AFTER MRS. CARTER'S DEPARTURE --REF C) A BRIEF CLIPPING FROM THE BRAZILIAN PRESS CONCERNING THIS INCIDENT WAS ALSO CIRCULATED AMONG BRAZILIAN GUESTS AT PRESIDENT GEISEL'S DINNER FOR MRS. CARTER ON THE EVENING OF JUNE 7 AND WAS BROUGHT TO AMBASSADOR'S ATTENTION BY FINANCE MINISTER SIMONSEN AS EXAMPLE OF "US INTERNAL HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEM."

3. SILVEIRA'S RENDITIONS OF CHICAGO INCIDENT ARE AT VERY BEST UNCLEAR AND EMBASSY'S ONLY AUTHORITATIVE REPORT SO FAR HAS BEEN VERY BRIEF ACCOUNT PROVIDED IN WIRELESS FILE. SINCE THIS INCIDENT MAY WELL BE RAISED AGAIN BY SILVEIRA IN HIS MEETINGS WITH SECRETARY OR BY OTHER FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS IN CONTACT WITH EMBASSY, WE BELIEVE DEPARTMENT SHOULD PROVIDE MORE DETAILED AUTHORITATIVE ACCOUNT OF IT FOR EMBASSY'S BACKGROUND AND FOR SECRETARY PRIOR TO HIS MEETING JUNE 15 WITH SILVEIRA.

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